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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6579

BILL NUMBER: SB 166

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Physical Therapy.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a physical therapist to provide subsequent treatment to a patient who was previously referred to the physical therapist for the same condition if: (1) the referral was given not more than 12 months before the request for subsequent treatment; and (2) the physical therapist contacts the referring provider within three days.

The bill provides that a person may not: (1) advertise that the person practices physical therapy if the person does not have a license; or (2) promote that another person is a physical therapist if the other person does not have a license. The bill also allows a physical therapist to evaluate a patient without a referral, but requires the physical therapist to contact the patient's appropriate provider and obtain a referral before providing treatment.

It specifies that a physical therapist may perform sharp debridement only on the order of a physician. The bill also removes the authority that allows physical therapists to practice physical therapy upon the order or referral of a psychologist.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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